

MINUTES OF THE DAVIDSON COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION
May 4, 2010

The Davidson County Election Commission (DCEC) met at 10:00 a.m. on May 4, 2010 in the Metro Office Building for the purpose of certifying a petition requesting a referendum election for the voters of the City of Lakewood. Commissioners Lynn Greer, A.J. Starling, Patricia Heim, and Steve Abernathy were present; Commissioner Bryan was absent due to flooding of his personal home. Also present were Ray Barrett (AOE), Joan Nixon, and Lionel Barrett (staff members); Tom Cross (Metro Legal); Lewis Oliver (City of Lakewood); and Shawn Henry (petitioners).

Chairman Lynn Greer convened the meeting.

Petition for Referendum in the City of Lakewood – Chairman Greer provided an overview of the timeline of discussions held with a citizen group seeking to place a referendum question on the August 5, 2010 County General Election Ballot applicable only to voters registered in the limits of the City of Lakewood. The referendum question would be:

“Pursuant to the provisions of the Lakewood City Manager-Commission Charter, SHOULD the City of Lakewood be dissolved by voluntary surrender of its charter thereby allowing the area bound by the City of Lakewood to become governed by the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County as part of the General Services District?”

AOE Barrett reported that signatures from 500 registered voters within the City of Lakewood were required in order to meet the threshold to place a referendum question on the August 5, 2010 County General Election ballot. He reported that the DCEC verified 578 signatures on the submitted petitions were duly registered City of Lakewood voters.

Commissioners heard remarks from Lewis Oliver opposing the certification of the petition and placement of the referendum question on the August 5, 2010 County General Election Ballot. Additionally, Shawn Henry spoke on the behalf of the petitioners as to the requirement imposed on the DCEC to certify since the citizen group followed all directives received by it from the DCEC through the Metropolitan Department of Law.

Commissioner Heim made a motion to certify the petition as having met all legal requirements to place the referendum question on the August 5, 2010 County General Election Ballot for the voters within the City of Lakewood. Commissioner Abernathy seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned.

Lynn Greer, Chairman

Patricia Heim, Member

A. J. Starling, Member

Eddie Bryan, Secretary

Steven Abernathy, Member